ween 7 P.M. and 8 A.M. are still continuing or there is any change made in it?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The concessional tariff for Subscriber Trunk Dialling continues to be given between 7 P.M. and 8 A.M. as before. However with effect from 1-6-1984 in respect of ordinary and S.T.D. trunk calls between any two exchanges, or two long distance charging centres, not being situated within a radial distance of 50 Kms. the concessional tariff is available between 10 P.M.—5 A.M.

Companies having Ajitabh Bachchan as Director

576. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the companies in which Ajitabh Bachchan continued to be a Director till May, 1987;

(b) when did he become a Non-Resident Indian; and

(c) why he was allowed to be a Director in all these companies when he was a NRI?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) The residential status of Shri Ajitabh Bachchan is an issue under examination in a case under FERA.

Increasing the equity by Maruti Udyog Ltd.

577. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1971 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1988 and state:

(a) since when M/s. Suzuki have increased their equity holding in Maruti Udyog Ltd. to 40 per cent;

(b) how would the new benefits-outflow from India in comparison with that before the equity increment; and

(c) why this item was agreed to be included in the Agreement?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Suzuki Motor Company have exercised their option to increase their equity holding in Maruti to 40 per cent as per the Licence Agreement with Maruti Udyog Limited. Actual subscription of the additional equity has not yet been made.

(b) Subscription of additional equity by Suzuki Motor Company will be used to meet part of the foreign exchange cost of the proposed 3-Box Car Project of Maruti Udyog Limited. Outflows would mainly be in the form of dividend on equity, when declared. No dividend has so far been declared by the Company.

(c) It was considered desirable to obtain equity participation of the collaborator (SMC) to ensure smooth transfer of technology and commitment for the success of the project, besides meeting part of the foreign exchange cost.